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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, Intelligence Information Handling Committee

SUBJECT : Use of Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) in Exchange of Intelligence Data

REFERENCE : USIB-D-71.1/5, same subject, 19 May 71

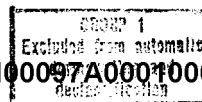
1. CIA has examined the files which it is currently making available to other agencies to determine whether they conform to FIPS data standards as specified in the reference memorandum. Two FIPS standards are used in CIA files which are regularly exchanged with other agencies. They are:

- a) Calendar Date (FIPS Publication 4), and
- b) Countries, Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty (FIPS Publication 10).

2. Four CIA files are currently made available to the Community which do not conform to the above standards. In several cases, a major programming and file conversion effort will be required to conform. Following is a list of those files and the projected date for conformance to FIPS:

<u>File Name</u>	<u>Non-Standard Data Element</u>	<u>Conformance Date</u>
1. Leader Appearances (COINS)	Country Code	31 Dec 71
2. Finished Intelligence (COINS)	Country Code	31 Dec 71
3. Computer Installations (COINS)	Country Code	31 Mar 72
4. Mensuration Parameters File (NPIC)	Date	1 Sep 72

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3. Other CIA files which do not conform to FIPS will be converted when they become candidates for Community exchange.



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